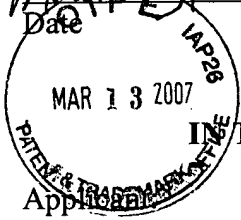


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 13 September 2007 for the above-identified patent application. This is also a Request for Continued Examination. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 13 March 2007. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fees are enclosed.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: